

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO. 25X1A

DATE DISTR 11 JUL 50

NO. OF PAGES 2

NO. OF ENCLS. (LISTED BELOW)

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. 25X1X

COUNTRY Germany (Russian Zone)

SUBJECT SED Plans for Using the DNA (German Standardization Committee)

PLACE ACQUIRED 25X1A

DATE OF INFO. 25X1C

Return to CIA Library

1. On April 17, 1950 a certain Knaak (or Knack) of the Central Secretariat of the SED called a special conference in the "Regierungsgebäude" (Government Building) of the DDR, in the office of Gebler, the Deputy Chief of the Division of Science & Technical Matters of the Ministry of Industry. The conference was attended by the following SED members:

- a. Prof. Heinrich H. Frank, President of KdF, Berlin (DNA Presidium member).
- b. Gebler, Chief of the Division of Science & Technical Matters of the Ministry of Industry.
- c. Max Guenther, Engineer, Vice-President of the KdF (DNA Presidium member).
- d. Prof. H. Henselmann of Weimar (DNA Presidium member).
- e. Willy Hoepke, Berlin (DNA Presidium member).
- f. Knaak (Knack?), member of the SED Central Sekretariat.

Knaak had also invited two other DNA Presidium members: Reg. Rat K. Israel, Dresden and Prof. K. Koloc, Rector of the Technical High School, Dresden, who, however, did not attend.

2. The immediate occasion for the conference was the forthcoming meeting of the DNA (Deutscher Normenausschuss) scheduled for 21 April at Berlin-Charlottenburg, Uhlandstrasse 175, and the object of the conference was to discuss the possibilities of using the DNA (which has members from all zones of Germany) in the interests of the SED and the DDR.

3. The discussion was opened by Knaak, who stated that all members of the DNA Presidium must seize every opportunity to influence the DNA in the direction of DDR's political objectives. From the DDR, therefore, only politically reliable persons should take part in DNA sessions. He deplored the fact that too many of the participating engineers from the DDR became so engrossed in the professional aspects of the DNA sessions as to forget the "far more important"

CONFIDENTIAL

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NSRB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FBI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DISTRIBUTION

This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States.

Next Review Date 2008

Document No. 78-10-2
 No Change in Class.
 Declassified
 Class. Changed To: TS S G
 Auth.: HR 70-2
 Date: 10/28/78 By: BS

CONFIDENTIAL

Approved For Release 2001/11/26 : CIA-RDP82-00457R005100550001-8

~~SECRET/CONTROL~~ - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

-2-

25X1A

political objectives. That would have to be changed in the future. The sub-committees of the DNA were well suited as places for propagating the SED's political ideas westward, and no opportunity for doing this was to be neglected.

4. Guenther supported and emphasized Knaak's view, stating that the KdF was employing a new staff member named Sperle to supervise the selection of representatives of the DDR for DNA meetings.
5. When someone objected, pointing out that a certain amount of technical competence was essential in a representative to the DNA, Knaak stated that professional competence was of secondary importance, the main qualification being political reliability. Knaak maintained that "some technical knowledge, enough to be able to converse intelligently" is quickly acquired. A short briefing of the selected representatives by qualified professional men would suffice.
6. Knaak went on to say that the DNA should be induced to send out its invitations to sessions well in advance. Those present then expressed a desire that the advance notice be eight weeks. Knaak favored a shorter time "in order not to arouse suspicion". Four weeks was agreed upon as the time limit within which the selection of suitable representatives would have to be accomplished.
7. Next, the forthcoming new election of the DNA Presidium in the Fall was discussed. Knaak demanded that the list of the DDR representatives proposed for election should be kept from the DNA as long as possible, but that every means must be used to get the DNA to supply a list of the representatives proposed by the West as soon as possible. This was essential so that the Central Secretariat could, with the help of the Communist Party agents in the Federal Republic, investigate the candidates proposed by the West. Knaak added that, while the process of supervising people politically was not yet as well organized in the Federal Republic as in the DDR, the existing organization there could be employed to supply useful information.**
8. Knaak now indicated the course of action which would eventuate, if it should prove impossible to influence the DNA along the lines of the policy of the Central Secretariat: the DDR would, in that case, give up its collaboration with the DNA and would do its standardizing work independently in the eastern zone, nor would it be necessary to forgo the results of western standardizations, since the standards-sheets produced there could be purchased and re-printed.
9. Finally it was announced that guide-type instructions for collaboration with the DNA would be worked out, with which it would be obligatory for all offices of the DDR to comply.
10. In the meantime, the Ministry of the Interior has written to the Ministry of Industry, requesting immediate submission of a list of those individuals proposed as DDR representatives on the various DNA sub-committees, presumably for the purpose of investigating these persons' political reliability.

25X1A*

~~Comment:~~ KdF - Kamm der Technik (Chamber of Technology).

25X1A **

~~Comment:~~ The Administrative Section of the DNA has, in the meantime, been discreetly advised that it would be well for them first to await the proposals for candidates from the DDR and then to make known the Western candidates.

~~SECRET/CONTROL~~ - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

CONFIDENTIAL

Approved For Release 2001/11/26 : CIA-RDP82-00457R005100550001-8